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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Budget Process - Appropriation to Transportation Trust Fund -**
3 **Improvement and Expansion of Mass Transit**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring State budget documents each fiscal year to include an
5 estimate of the amount by which operating revenues of the Mass Transit
6 Administration (MTA) will be greater than or less than a certain percentage of
7 operating expenses; requiring the Governor, for each fiscal year that operating
8 revenues of the MTA are estimated to be less than a certain amount, to include
9 in the State budget a certain appropriation from the general fund to the
10 Transportation Trust Fund; stating the intent of the General Assembly that the
11 funds provided through an appropriation under this Act be used to improve
12 service and expand the role of mass transit in the State; providing for the
13 calculation of certain revenues and expenses for purposes of appropriations
14 under this Act; and generally relating to general fund appropriations to the
15 Transportation Trust Fund for mass transit purposes.

16 BY adding to
17 Article - State Finance and Procurement
18 Section 7-211.1
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

21 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
22 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

23 **Article - State Finance and Procurement**

24 7-211.1.

25 (A) FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR, THE STATE BUDGET DOCUMENTS SHALL
26 INCLUDE AN ESTIMATE OF THE AMOUNT BY WHICH OPERATING REVENUES OF THE
27 MASS TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION WILL BE GREATER THAN OR LESS THAN 50% OF
28 OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR.

1 (B) FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR FOR WHICH THE ESTIMATE OF OPERATING
2 REVENUES UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION IS LESS THAN 50% OF THE
3 ESTIMATE OF OPERATING EXPENSES, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE STATE
4 BUDGET AN APPROPRIATION FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE TRANSPORTATION
5 TRUST FUND FOR AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE LESSER OF:

6 (1) THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE ESTIMATED OPERATING
7 REVENUES AND 50% OF ESTIMATED OPERATING EXPENSES; OR

8 (2) \$100,000,000.

9 (C) IT IS THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT FUNDS PROVIDED
10 UNDER THIS SECTION BE USED TO IMPROVE SERVICE AND EXPAND THE ROLE OF
11 MASS TRANSIT IN THE STATE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM AND THAT THE GOVERNOR
12 DIRECT THOSE FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE BY BUDGET AMENDMENT AS PROVIDED
13 FOR IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL.

14 (D) IN THE CALCULATION OF THE AMOUNT OF AN APPROPRIATION MADE
15 UNDER THIS SECTION:

16 (1) OPERATING REVENUES AND OPERATING EXPENSES SHALL BE
17 CALCULATED IN THE MANNER USED TO MEASURE COMPLIANCE WITH § 7-902 OF THE
18 TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE;

19 (2) ADDITIONAL ESTIMATED REVENUES RESULTING FROM THE
20 APPROPRIATION MAY NOT BE COUNTED AS OPERATING REVENUES; AND

21 (3) ADDITIONAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES RESULTING FROM THE
22 APPROPRIATION MAY NOT BE COUNTED AS OPERATING EXPENSES.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
24 July 1, 2000.